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IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED UNCHANGED

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on November 1, 2003 totaled 295,000 head, the same as the November 1, 2002 inventory, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was up 9 percent from the number on hand October 1, 2003. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during October totaled 88,000 head, up 11,000 from October 2002 placements. Marketings during October totaled 60,000 head, down 1,000 from the October 2002 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.0 million head on November 1, 2003. The inventory was 3 percent above November 1, 2002 but 7 percent below November 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.78 million, 16 percent above 2002 and 3 percent above 2001. Net placements were 2.68 million. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 1,023,000, 600-699 pounds were 796,000, 700-799 pounds were 508,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 454,000. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.86 million, 6 percent below 2002 and 2 percent below 2001. Other disappearance totaled 101,000 during October, 20 percent above 2002 and 49 percent above 2001.

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